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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND POSITION ON RELEASING THE COALITION
STATEMENT ON TERRORISM

REF: A. STATE 165043

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Classified By: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TIMOTHY P. ZUNIGA-BROWN

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FOR REASONS 1.5(B,D)

(C) The GoNZ does not object to the release of the Multinational Force (MNF) Statement on Terrorism as written ref A. Bronwyn Evans-Kent, Security Policy Division, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), noted that the document was still being circulated among MFAT divisions, but no objections were anticipated. Should there be any concerns over specific language, these would be provided to Washington by COB August 2. She referred to strong public statements by the NZ Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (ref B) regarding NZ's policy of not making concessions to terrorists. Evans-Kent also reiterated that the GoNZ is not engaged in Iraq as part of the Coalition, and preferred the Statement on Terrorism with the MNF moniker.
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